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REGIONAL EQUIPMENT OPERATORS TRAINING SCHOOL (REOTS)

SYNOPSIS:

The Regional Equipment Operators Training School (REOTS) is managed and operated by the 201 RED HORSE Flight (RHF) in partnership with the Air National Guard Bureau. REOTS is located at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. The Commandant of the site is CMSgt Quirk.

REOTS training is designed to familiarize, support, enhance, and elevate the equipment operator's proficiency on equipment used during rapid runway repair. Hands-on training is given for a week on four primary pieces of equipment: excavator, dozer, four-cubic-yard loader, and motor grader.

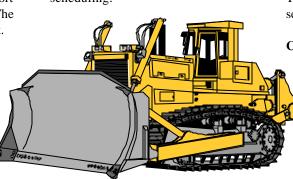
WHO IS SUPPORTED BY REOTS:

This program supports the Air Force Reserve (AFRES), Air National Guard (ANG), and active duty equipment operators (3E2X1). All AFRES and ANG equipment operators will attend REOTS every three years due to the mandatory requirement outlined in AFI 10-210. Active duty personnel should attend REOTS shortly after attainment of their five-skill level. The MAJCOM will determine if an active duty three-level equipment operator has the necessary skills to attend REOTS. REOTS is not intended for SNCOs or officers. SNCOs and officers may attend the site with coordination through AFCESA/CEX.

HOW QUOTAS ARE FILLED:

 A message is sent annually to all MAJCOMs from HQ AFCESA/CEXR requesting their training requirements by quarter. Each MAJCOM solicits training requirements from their units.

 Once the MAJCOM has compiled the training requirements, they are then forwarded to HQ AFCESA/CEXR for scheduling.



THE PROCESS:

- HQ AFCESA/CEXR coordinates with AFPC to get the total equipment operators 3E251 & 3E271 that are assigned to each MAJCOM and fills all AFRES and ANG requirements first.
- Once this has been accomplished, HQ AFCESA/CEXR balances the remaining requirements among all commands.

UNFILLED REQUESTS

There are a few reasons why requests for REOTS training slots are not filled. One primary reason is there are more training requirements than there are training slots available. The second reason, is MAJCOMs may request a greater number of slots than the command actually has assigned. AFCESA works as the honest broker and checks assigned personnel with the MAJCOM request. If the training request is higher than what AFPC says is assigned to the MAJCOM, then AFCESA balances the requirement according to the manpower identified by AFPC. A third reason why a command's requirement will

not be met is if the command did not respond to the suspense. All requirements need to be returned to AFCESA from the MAJCOMs within 40 days after the message has been released. This is identified in the official message sent out by HQ AFCESA/CEXR.

CANCELLATIONS:

If a command has to drop a REOTS slot for training due to an unexpected deployment or exercise, they should notify REOTS immediately.

AFCESA and REOTS work together to notify MAJCOMs about any cancellations. Frequently these are short notice cancellations and must be filled immediately.

OTHER REFERENCES:

Air Force Catalog 36-2223 states specific requirements needed to attend REOTS. You can also visit the Readiness page on the AFCESA web site (http://www.afcesa.af.mil) for further information pertaining to the REOTS. You can also contact REOTS at DSN 491-8354

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